



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION***

***FEBRUARY 20, 2001  
12:15 P.M.***

***CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER***

***AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL***

**1. Call to Order--Roll Call.** (Council Member Harris was absent)

A communication from the Honorable Ralph K. Smith, Mayor, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.1-344 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Approved (6-0)  
File #110-132**

**THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WAS DECLARED  
IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED IMMEDIATELY IN THE  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM,  
ROOM 159.**

**(All Council Members were present)**

**Briefing on Victory Stadium.**

**The City Manager was requested to identify the frequency of flooding at the Victory Stadium site since the facility was constructed, including the number of flood incidents as a result of heavy rainfall; the cost of constructing a stadium at a different location with or without a track facility; the possibility of a regional or separate track facility; to communicate track facility issues as related to the flood way to the Roanoke City School Board; and to report on proposed uses of Victory Stadium on a short term basis.**

**File #67-122-467**

**The meeting was declared in recess at 1:55 p.m., to be reconvened at 2:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber.**



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2:00 P.M.***

***CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER***

***AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL***

**1. Call to Order--Roll Call. All Present.**

**The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Douglas Turner.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.**

**Welcome. Mayor Smith.**

**NOTICE:**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.**

**THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA PACKAGE ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS THE AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [www.roanokegov.com](http://www.roanokegov.com), CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.**

**ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.**

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

A resolution memorializing the late Sydnor W. Brizendine, Jr.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35213-022001. (7-0)  
File #80-367-110**

**On behalf of the Members of Council, the Mayor expressed condolences upon the passing of Mr. Reid Cotton, a City employee who lost his life while performing his duties on Tuesday, February 13, 2001.**

**File #80-184**

**At 2:10 p.m., the meeting was declared in recess.**

**At 2:25 p.m., the meeting reconvened in the City Council Chamber.**

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**(APPROVED 7-0)**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.**

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meetings of Roanoke City Council held on Tuesday, September 5, 2000, and Monday, September 18, 2000.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Dispense with the reading thereof and approve as recorded.

- C-2 A communication from Jay Stephens submitting his resignation as a member of the Special Events Committee.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the communication and accept the resignation.

**File #110-317**

- C-3 Qualification of Robert N. Richert as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a term ending October 1, 2004.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file.

**File #15-110-249**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

- a. Request to express appreciation with regard to the Americans with Disabilities Act compliance by the City of Roanoke. Christene A. Montgomery, Spokesperson.

**Received and filed.  
File #80-353**

- b. Request to address housing density issues. Gloria Dorma, Spokesperson.

**The remarks of Ms. Dorma were referred to the City Manager and the City Attorney.  
File #488-178**

### **4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. A communication from Council Member William White, Sr., recommending that a permanent cost-of-living adjustment for City retirees be referred to the fiscal year 2001-02 budget study.

**Referred to the City Manager, Director of Finance and fiscal year 2001-02 budget study.  
File #60-184**

- b. A petition from the New Century Venture Center requesting exemption from taxation of real property located at 1354 Eighth Street, S. W., in the City of Roanoke, pursuant to Section 30-19.04(B), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**Referred to the City Manager and the City Attorney for study, report and recommendation to Council.  
File #79-169**

- c. A communication from the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of additional State funds for the Governor's Academic Challenge for Success Program; and a report of the Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35214-022001. (7-0)**  
**File #60-467**

## **5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

- a. CITY MANAGER:

### **BRIEFINGS:**

- 1. A briefing with regard to the Roanoke Neighborhood Development Corporation. (20 minutes)

**Received and filed.**  
**File #165**

- 2. A briefing with regard to the Comprehensive Plan, *Vision 2001*. (15 minutes)

**Received and filed.**  
**File #200**

### **ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:**

- 3. A communication recommending appropriation of \$101,000.00 in connection with the Regional Radio Maintenance Project.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35215-022001. (7-0)**  
**File #60-262-472**

4. A communication recommending authorization of payment to the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission for completion of the Lick Run Greenway from the I-581 interchange to Court Street; and appropriation of \$125,110.00 in connection therewith.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35216-022001. (7-0)  
File #60-379**

b. CITY CLERK:

1. A report requesting that Council establish certain dates in connection with appointment of two Trustees to the Roanoke City School Board for terms commencing July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2004.

**Concurred in proposed dates.  
File #467**

**6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Report by the City Manager with regard to Wiley Drive.

**Council approved one-way traffic through Smith Park, with the inclusion of planter boxes and lowering of the grade on Wiley Drive by two feet to provide the required vertical clearance at the Franklin Road Bridge, at a cost of \$200,000.00 which was previously allocated, plus an additional \$20,000.00 for lowering the grade. Council Members Bestpitch, Carder and Harris voted no.  
File #20-67-102-514**

**8. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF  
ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.**



## **9. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.
- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

## **10. OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

**CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. IT IS A TIME FOR CITIZENS TO SPEAK AND A TIME FOR COUNCIL TO LISTEN. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, IMMEDIATELY, FOR ANY NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.**

Ms. Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., inquired if Council receives citizen input regarding topics that are included in the City's Annual Legislative Program and, if so, what are the requirements for including a project in the Legislative Program. Even though the City's 2001 Legislative Program has been submitted to the City's representatives to the General Assembly, she inquired if the document can be amended.

(All requests under Item 10 are automatically referred to the City Manager.)  
File #137

The Mayor called attention to the Financial Planning Session of Council which is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 10, 2001, at 8:30 a.m., at The Hotel Roanoke Conference Center.  
File #132

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (6-0, Vice-Mayor Carder left the meeting during the Closed Session.)**

**The following individuals were appointed or reappointed to certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees:**

**Appointed Sherie Vernach as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Ann Janney-Schultz for a term ending December 31, 2003.**

**File #110-72**

**Reappointed Clay Grogan and Joel W. Richert as members of the Board of Zoning Appeals for terms ending December 31, 2003.**

**File #51-110**

**Reappointed Lular R. Lucky and William E. Skeen for terms ending November 30, 2003, Barbara N. Duerk and Charles W. Hancock for terms ending November 30, 2001, and appointed Michael W. Ridenhour for a term ending November 30, 2003, as members of the Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee.**

**File #15-110-488**

**Appointed Michael A. Loveman as a member of the Mill Mountain Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2001.**

**File #67-110**

**Reappointed Sunny Shah as a member of the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau for a term ending June 30, 2001.**

**File #110-293**

**Reappointed William H. Cleveland as a member of the Court Community Corrections Program Policy Board for a term ending December 31, 2003.**

**File #110-242**

**Reappointed Robert K. Bengtson as a member of the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority for a term ending December 31, 2004.**

**(Council waived the City residency requirement)**

**File #110-253**

**Reappointed John D. Fulton, Jr., and Tommy L. Dowdy as members of the Property Maintenance Code, Board of Appeals, for terms ending November 10, 2005.**

**File #32-110**

**Reappointed J. Granger Macfarlane as a Commissioner of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission for a term ending March 9, 2005.**

**File #9-110**

**Appointed Mary Neal as a member of the Cultural Services Committee for a term ending June 30, 2001.**

**File #110-394**

**AT 6:50 P.M., THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WAS BE DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 7:00 P. M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., CITY OF ROANOKE.**



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## **A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Public hearing on the request of CHS, Inc., that a tract of land lying on the south side of Melrose Avenue, N. W., and the west side of 24<sup>th</sup> Street, commonly known as W. B. Clements, Inc., containing approximately 10.149 acres, more or less, identified as Official Tax No. 2420205, be rezoned from C-2, General Commercial District, to IPUD, Industrial Planned Unit Development District, subject to certain conditions proffered by the petitioner. Michael Ballantyne, Agent. (See communication requesting that the matter be withdrawn.)

**Withdrawn.**

**File #51**

2. Public hearing on a request VFW Post #1264 that a tract of land lying on the west side of Grandview Avenue, N. W., between Empress Drive and Marr Street, identified as Official Tax No. 2270223, continue to be zoned C-1, Office District, subject to certain amended conditions proffered by the petitioner. David A. Bowers, Attorney.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 35217 on first reading. (6-0)**

**File #51**

3. Public hearing on a request of Lorna M. Hall that two tracts of land located at 3034 and 3042 Brambleton Avenue, S. W., identified as Official Tax No. 1650903 and 1650946, be rezoned from RS-3, Residential Single-Family District, to C-2, General Commercial District, subject to certain conditions proffered by the petitioner. Maryellen F. Goodlatte, Attorney.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 35218 on first reading. (6-0)**

**File #51**

4. Public hearing on a request of Ruth B. Hartman, Kevin M. and Susan T. Walker, and GAD Management, that certain property located at 2109 and 2115 Peters Creek Road, N. W., identified as Official Tax Nos.

6370301, 6370302 and 6370304, be rezoned from RS-3, Residential Single-Family District, to C-2, General Commercial District, subject to certain conditions proffered by the petitioners. G. Michael Pace, Attorney.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 35219 on first reading. (5-1, Council Member Bestpitch voted no.)**

5. Public hearing to consider execution of a document to grant a 15-foot easement across City-owned property to Verizon Virginia, Inc., to install underground facilities to provide telephone service to the new police building. Darlene L. Burcham, City Manager.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 35220 on first reading. (6-0)  
File #5-28-166-468**

## **B. OTHER HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

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**Mr. Robert Gravely, 1412 Moorman Road, N. W., read a prepared statement offering suggestions for unification of the City of Roanoke.**

**Mr. Jim Fields, 17 Bridgecrest Road, Hardy, Virginia, spoke in support of renovating Victory Stadium.  
File #67-122**

**(All remarks under Other Hearing of Citizens are automatically referred to the City Manager.)**

**THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2001, AT 7:00 P.M., IN FITZPATRICK HALL, THE JEFFERSON CENTER, 541 LUCK AVENUE, S. W., AT WHICH TIME COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF ROANOKE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY ON THE SOUTH JEFFERSON REDEVELOPMENT PLAN.**